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SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL URANIUM RESOURCES
EVALUATION PROGRAM (IUREP) PLANNING MEETING IN VIENNA

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1. THIS REPORT IS ON THE MEETING HELD IN VIENNA. AN AD HOC
MEETING OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES ON IUREP INTERMEDIATE PHASE

CHAired BY HOGROIAN, NEA, WAS CONVENED IN VIENNA JUNE 7, 1978 TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF ORGANIZATION, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND SELECTION OF COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED AS WELL AS A DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR CARRYING OUT THE INTERMEDIATE PHASE. IN ADDITION TO REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP ON URANIUM RESOURCES, THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM SPAIN AND JAPAN. AUSTRALIAN, ITALIAN, GERMAN AND U.S. STEERING GROUP MEMBERS ALSO WERE REPRESENTED BY NUCLEAR POLICY OFFICIALS.

2. A SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEM SURFACED IMMEDIATELY IN A REPORT BY JAMES CAMERON, IAEA, SECRETARY, THAT DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IAEA ZHELUDEV OBJECTED TO THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL DURING ZHELUDEV'S ABSENCE FOR THE AGENCY TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE INTERMEDIATE PHASE. OBJECTION WAS BASED ON TWO GROUNDS: 1) NO CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS, I.E., NO FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF AND APPROVAL BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS OR OTHER "CONSTITUTIONAL" PROCEDURES AND 2) IUREP PROPOSAL FOR IAEA TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN APPROACHING COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED CONTRARY TO AGENCY POLICY OF RESPONDING ONLY TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. AFTER SIGNIFICANT DELIBERATION INCLUDING INFORMAL DISCUSSION AMONG U.S. AND CANADIAN DELEGATES WITH IAEA/NEA SECRETARIAT, TWO-FOLD APPROACH TO PROBLEM WAS DEVELOPED: 1) FORMAL REQUEST FROM APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IN NEA TO THE AGENCY TO CARRY OUT THE ROLE PROPOSED FOR IT
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AND 2) AGENCY CONVENE A MEETING OF CANDIDATE COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED IN INTERMEDIATE PHASE TO EXPLAIN IUREP AND FINDINGS RELATIVE TO EACH COUNTRY. CANDIDATES WOULD THEN RETURN HOME AND CONSIDER WHETHER THEY WISHED TO REQUEST INTERMEDIATE PHASE VISIT. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THESE PROCEDURES WILL PROVE SATISFACTORY TO ZHELUDEV.

3. REGARDING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, GROUP REVIEWED TABULATIONS PREPARED BY NEA OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS BASED ON GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT. FOR ALTERNATIVE NUMBERS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, I.E., 10, 7 AND 5, APPROPRIATE U.S. CONTRIBUTION WAS 300,000 DOLLARS, 358,000 DOLLARS AND 454,000 DOLLARS RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL 750,000 DOLLARS ESTIMATED TO COVER THE 11 COUNTRIES IN CATEGORY 1A. U.S. DELEGATE SUGGESTED THAT 300,000 DOLLARS WAS PROBABLY MAXIMUM REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WILL MAKE NO CONTRIBUTION. CANADA WILL LIMIT CONTRIBUTION TO IN KIND RESTRICTED TO ONE OR TWO EXPERTS TO ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES ACCEPTABLE TO CANADA. FRG WILL PROVIDE 100,000 DOLLARS. JAPAN WILL PROVIDE SOMETHING IN EXCESS OF 100,000 DOLLARS. FRANCE AND ITALY MUST STILL OBTAIN GOVERNMENTAL DECISION. SPAIN CAN PROVIDE NO

CONTRIBUTION EXCEPT PERHAPS LIMITED LABORATORY ASSISTANCE. UK WAS NOT REPRESENTED BUT INFORMED AGENCY BY LETTER THAT WOULD MAKE NO CONTRIBUTION. EEC WILL CONTRIBUTE 8 MAN MONTHS; IAEA WILL CONTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY 18 MAN MONTHS. NEA WILL CONTRIBUTE LIMITED SECRETARIAL HELP AND WISHES ALLOTMENT OF 60,000 DOLLARS TO 90,000 DOLLARS TO PAY FOR CONTINUATION OF CONSULTANT SERVICES PRESENTLY ENGAGED. IN SUMMARY, APPEARS SIX COUNTRIES PLUS EEC AND NEA AND IAEA SECRETARIATS WILL PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY THE 750,000 DOLLARS ESTIMATED COST.

4. REGARDING SELECTION OF COUNTRIES FOR INCLUSION IN INTER-MEDIATE PHASE GROUP ACCEPTED WITHOUT SERIOUS CONTEST U.S. VETO OF LIBYA IN CATEGORY 1A ALTHOUGH DAVIS OF EEC AT THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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POINT AND LATER MADE THE PITCH THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO

DISCRIMINATION ON ANY BUT STRICTLY TECHNICAL GROUNDS. GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT CONDITIONS WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR VISITS TO ANGOLA, SOMALIA AND ZAIRE. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE SENSITIVITY OF EXCLUDING COUNTRIES ON THE HIGH PRIORITY LISTS, AND RECOGNIZING THAT SOME COUNTRIES COULD HAVE EASILY BEEN LISTED IN A HIGHER OR LOWER CATEGORY ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS, IT WAS DECIDED TO DEVELOP A LIST OF ABOUT 20 COUNTRIES, INCLUSION OF WHICH COULD BE JUSTIFIED ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS BUT WHICH WOULD BE BROAD ENOUGH TO AVOID OR REDUCE THE PROBLEM OF SENSITIVITY OF SELECTION

THIS NUMBER OF COUNTRIES COULD BE INVITED TO THE MEETING AND IF THOSE WHO LATER REQUESTED ASSISTANCE EXCEEDED THE NUMBER ENVISIONED, APPROXIMATELY 11, A FINAL DECISION COULD BE MADE. THIS LATTER POINT WAS EMPHASIZED AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON ADVISABILITY OF INCLUDING BRAZIL AND IRAN. MANY GROUP MEMBERS BELIEVED THAT BRAZIL BELONGED IN CATEGORY II WITH IRAN AND THAT BOTH HAD ADEQUATE EXPLORATION PROGRAMS. HOWEVER AT THE STRONG INSISTENCE OF GERMANY AND THE EEC THESE COUNTRIES WERE TENTATIVELY ADDED TO THE LIST BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 23.

CATEGORY IA - ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, INDIA, MALI, MEXICO, ZAMBIA, BRAZIL

CATEGORY IB - BOTSWANA, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, GABON, MADAGASCAR, PAKISTAN, THAILAND, TURKEY, VENEZUELA

CATEGORY II - AUSTRIA, FINLAND, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, IRAN

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CATEGORY III - AFGHANISTAN, KENYA, URUGUAY

5. DURING COUNTRY SELECTION DAVIS OF EEC, FURTHERING HIS ARGUMENT THAT ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TREATED EQUAL SUGGESTED INVITING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND MADE THE POINT THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS A CANDIDATE. THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES DISMISSED THE LATTER POINT WITH APPROPRIATE HUMOR AND THE IAEA SECRETARIAT REMINDED THE GROUP THAT CONTINUED REQUESTS FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN THE JOINT WORKING PARTY ON URANIUM RESOURCES HAD HAD CONSISTENTLY NEGATIVE RESULTS.

6. IN SUMMARY, PARTICIPANT INTEREST AND LIKELY CONTRIBUTIONS APPEAR TO ASSURE A VIABLE INTERMEDIATE PHASE; COUNTRY SELECTION, ALTHOUGH POSING SOME PROBLEMS TO U.S., APPEARS REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF PROPOSED MEETING APPROACH WITH LATER FINAL SELECTION. ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS APPEAR SOLUBLE BUT WILL REQUIRE SOME DELAY IN INITIATION OF INTERMEDIATE PHASE; BEST GUESS IS JANUARY 1979.

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